

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Considerable Nervousness Was Still Apparent in Wheat Yesterday.

GENERAL TONE, HOWEVER, WAS STRONG

Reports of Russia's Intentions to Remove the Restrictions Prohibiting the Exportation of Wheat Had Its Effect—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—Considerable nervousness was still apparent in the wheat market today, but the general tone was one of strength on the bullish character of the news received and the close was firm at an advance of four cents over yesterday's closing price.

Yesterdays' Mar. 20, 80c, was advanced to 80c, broke to 80c, reacted to 80c, reacted to 80c, went off to 80c, remained steady for a time, then touched 80c, but grew strong again, rallying to 80c, and closing firm at 80c.

The higher opening and advance early in the session, due to the stronger and higher English cables, which were rather a surprise after the action of American markets yesterday, cleared out all weariness and created a good buying as again reported.

But operators got fairly well loaded up with wheat and then a more general selling pressure started in, which caused the subsequent decline, helped along by weaker continental cables. Local operators evidently sold themselves short on the break. They became uneasy in the last half hour and started to cover, making rapid advances.

EGGS—Market weak. A few round lots went off to shippers. Single case lots to the retail trade went as high as 12c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 17.—**Flour.**—Firm, but to some extent lower, 7c per bushel. No. 2 spot 62c-63c; options opened 6c higher; later this was all lost, but prices advanced again and closed a little higher.

COTTON—Cash, a shade off; No. 2 mixed, 30c;

30c; options only fluctuated 1c during the day and closed firm and same as yesterday.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 30c; May, 31c.

RICE—Lower at 3c.

EPOXY—Lower; sample lots, Minnesota, 55c-56c.

HAY—Dull; prairie, \$7.50-\$9.00; timothy, \$10.00-\$12.00.

LARD—Firm at 9c.

LEAD—Flower: \$1.87 1/2 asked.

LAUR—Cattle, 16c, firm, 17c; creamery, 15c-25c; indicated, 16c-22c.

Eggs—Unchanged at 17c.

CORN MEAL—Firm at 10c.

SOY BEANS—Higher at 18c.

BAGGAGE—Steady at 55c-57c, according to weight.

PRICES—Taxes, 2c-16c-25c.

PROMOTIONS—Easier.

PORK—H.150c-21c; new, \$0.50 for old.

LARD—35c.

CAKE, SUGAR MEATS—Loose shoulders, \$4.25;

long ribs, \$3.00; shorts, \$3.00; boxed lots, 1.5c more.

BEEF—Shoulders, 45c; longs, 45c-\$0.25;

ribs, \$3.00-\$0.25; shorts, \$3.00-\$0.25.

HAMS—9c-10c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bu.; wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.; barley, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bu.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 16,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley none.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Market was strong; No. 2 hard, 5c; No. 2 red, 5c-6c.

CORN—W. Firm; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 2 yellow, 37c; No. 3 white, 40c.

OATS—Very active; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

RYE—Strong; No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 5c.

SUGAR—No. 2 white; No. 3, 5c.

COFFEE—No. 2, 5c.

COKE—Steady; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 6c.

LIVESTOCK—Demand fair.

BEER—Extra India mes, 50c per tierce.

LEAVENWORTH—Western, 3c-3 1/2 per cwt.

CHEESE—Young America, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 7,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, 2,000 bu.

ON THE GRAIN MARKET.

PRICES BASED ON DELIVERY AT MISSISSIPPI RIVER POINTS, NEBRASKA INSPECTION, AND TEN DAYS' DELAY, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. CASH GRAIN CALL FOR FOB PRICES.

WHEAT—No. 2, spring, 32c bid; No. 3, 36c bid.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, yellow, 37c.

CORN—STEADY; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 2c.

RYE—No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 5c.

SUGAR—No. 2 white; No. 3, 5c.

COFFEE—No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 6c.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Firm, demand fallen off; holders offer sparingly; No. 1 California, 8s 1/2d; 2nd cal, 8s 1/2d; 3rd cal, 8s 1/2d; 4th cal, 8s 1/2d.

CORN—STEADY; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 2c.

WHEAT—No. 2, 2s 1/2d; No. 3, 3s 1/2d; No. 4, 4s 1/2d.

OATS—No. 2, 3s 1/2d; No. 3, 4s 1/2d; No. 4, 5s 1/2d.

RYE—No. 2, 3s 1/2d.

SUGAR—No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 2c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 9c.

TIMOTHY—Firm; Price, \$12.00/22.

MURK—Milk, 2c; 2s 1/2d; 3c; 4s 1/2d; 5c; 6c.

WHEAT—No. 2, 3c; 3s 1/2d; 4s 1/2d; 5c; 6c.

WHEAT—No. 2, 2s 1/2d; No. 3, 3s 1/2d; No. 4, 4s 1/2d.

WHEAT—No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 2c.

LIVERPOOL—Wheat, 3s 1/2d.

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